

Mr. Simmons reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, to authorise Henry C. Drury, of Wm. former collector of taxes in the first collection district of Anne Arundel county, further time to complete his collections, passed at December session, 1836, ch. 145;

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Geyer, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. Ent, entitled, an act to incorporate the Orphan House and Episcopal Free School of All Saints Church, in Frederick Town;

On motion of Mr. Geyer, said bill was amended by striking out in the 6th section, 1st line, these words, "the levy court of Frederick county or," also by striking out in the 4th line of same section, the words "as they may deem just and equitable, regard being had in such distribution," and inserting in lieu thereof, "proportionate in amount;" also by striking out in same section, last line, the words "school district," and inserting in lieu thereof, and at the end of said section, the following, "together with the whole number of children educated therein."

On motion of Mr. Geyer, said bill was further amended by adding at the end thereof as an additional section, the following:

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, that in the selection of children as pupils, for the benefit of this act, no regard shall be had, no preferences given to the children of any particular denomination of christians.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended and passed.

Mr. Causin reported a bill, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Causin submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in the opinion of this Legislature, the twenty-second section of the act of 1836, ch. 197, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland, is not intended to affirm any power in the legislature of the State, to alter the relation of master and slave, by a partial or general abolition of slavery; but that it was only intended the more effectually to guard that relation against the attacks of fanatic and malignant designs, upon the peace and security of the citizens of the State.

And be it further resolved, that the Legislature of the State of Maryland, does not possess the power either of partial or general abolition of slavery, even by a unanimous vote of both houses, and at two successive sessions, as contained in the said section.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lemmon,

The house took up for consideration the bill referred from the last session to the present session of the General Assembly, entitled, an act to incorporate the Somerset and Worcester Rail Road Company;